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When God lets loose a thinker on this earth, then beware, all things are at risk! It is like a great conflagration breaking out in a forest or city and no man knows where it will end.

There is no science that may not be flanked tomorrow, there is not a literary reputation nor the titled names of fame which may not be revised and condemned.

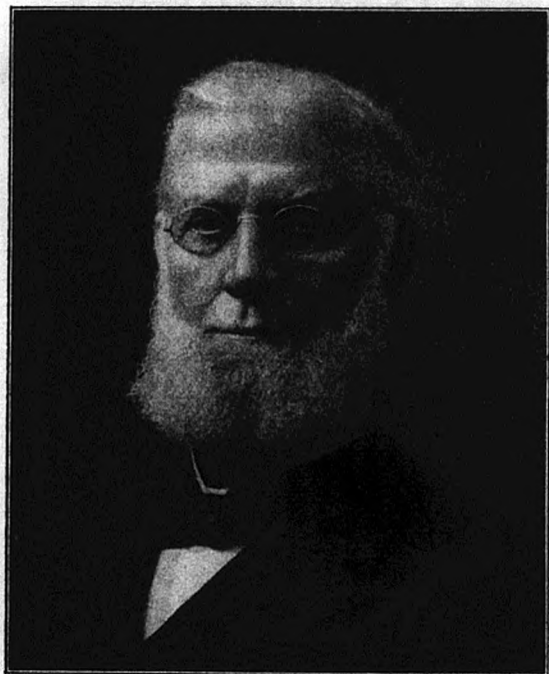
The religion and governments of nations, the manner and morals of mankind are all at the mercy of the new analysis—

Emerson (revised).

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Reformers and Scientists.

H. C. Hodges.

A reformer is a reconstructor, and the first act of reformation is to tear down. Literature abounds with alternate condemnation and eulogy of the so-called reformers of religious and social ideals—condemnation while the work of tearing down is going forward, followed by panegyric and eulogy after the reformation is apparent to the world. There is, however, a dearth of mention being made, together with a proper attention being directed, to the builders of life's conditions. These tear nothing down. They are magicians who quietly transform the conditions of physical life, and subsequently the whole social and moral status of the world.

They toil unobtrusively for years, then—Presto! Change!—and the world is communicating with lightning speed, exchanging words of greeting between far distant shores. The proceedings of moment in all nations are flashed back and forth between the rising and setting of the sun.

They move quietly here and there, and lo! the streets, homes, parks and public edifices gleam with a light more brilliant than day. The people speak gently and their voices are heard and responded to in far distant cities.

Strong currents carry burdens everywhere as though they were but a feather weight, silently and swiftly ascending and descending in buildings of great height.

A toiling, foot-weary traveler is an almost unknown quantity in the present equation of human life. He is now rolled rapidly in a clean, well ventilated, comfortable conveyance

over many miles of road for the price of a cigar or a glass of beer.

Due to these unobtrusive builders of new conditions, powerful engines lighten the burdens of humanity, ingenious inventions facilitate all labor and a speed more swift than horses turns the soil, sows the seed and garners the grain.

Due to these magicians, thousands of varieties of soil products are now in use where but a few were formerly known. The earth blooms with fragrance, lusciousness and nourishment. The world lives on a plane of convenience, comfort and luxury absolutely undreamt of by our forefathers of half a century ago. Recalling the days of the hand-plow, the horse car and lamplighter, also the days of fear and dread of the encroachment of mechanical inventions lest they might usurp the horny hand of toil, we are reminded that none of these fears have been realized, and that the ditch digger of today receives for a week's work as much as a skilled laborer consumed three and even four weeks' time to earn, and he was well satisfied at that.

If these silent builders of comfort, convenience and facility had left their laboratories in disheartened doubt because of the dubious prognostications of ignorance, what would be the state of civilization today?

If the reformers of religious and social standards had ceased their work of reconstruction because of the tide of condemnation surging about them, we should still be living in the ideals of the days of Nero.

The readers of the *Stellar Ray* are people who observe and think. They will therefore form the logical conclusion that the spirit of fear accomplishes nothing. The spirit of perseverance and courage transforms not

only the face of the earth, but all conditions of life. They will perhaps agree with the writer that such men as Galileo, Tycho Brahe, Kepler, Flammarion, Watts, Franklin, Fulton, Stevenson, Morse, Edison, Tesla, Mareoni and Burbank, also Profs. Crooks, Wallace and Lodge, have accomplished, through their quiet researches and their discoveries of the hidden forces of nature, full as much for humanity as have the reformers. Let there be honor where honor is due, both to Reformers and Scientists. All the reformers of history, however, could not have wrought the improved conditions that have been accomplished by such scientists as Thomas Edison and Whitney, the inventor of the cotton gin.

Breeding Crime.

H. C. Hodges.

Under the above title in May number, 1907, of the Stellar Ray is voiced the policy of this journal relative to the great problem of criminality, abbreviated as follows:

"Present methods of dealing with criminality tend to foster, rather than eliminate crime.

The spirit of vengeance or punishment, the requirement of a life for a life, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth are but relics of a barbarous age.

A system should be instituted by which each case shall be specifically treated as a diseased member. No human being should be deprived of the privilege of labor. Industry is the best developing agent that exists.

Imprisonment should not deprive a man of the power to be remunerative both to his family and the state. The strong arm of the law should restrain, guard, protect, educate, uplift the debased, ignorant and vicious instead of torturing the body and souls of

its victims beyond the pale of endurance and the power to rise out of their degradation."

In line with these calls to a more rational and humane dealing with this momentous subject, several prisons have since been opened to investigation and organized brutalities made public that equal, in spirit and in many cases in detail, the horrors of the Inquisition.

The first of a series of articles by Julian Leavitt, entitled "The Man in the Cage," which appears in the March issue of the American Magazine state clearly and concisely the conditions as they exist today in some of the American prisons. Mr. Leavitt says: "When I first began my investigations into prison life and labor I believed as most of the readers of this magazine probably believe, that the grosser cruelties were a thing of the past. * * * Genial wardens assured me that the reign of brutality was over; it was intimated that the pendulum had swung too far and we were coddling our criminals too much. External evidence seemed to lend color to this protest, clean cells, books, games, bands, even prison newspapers and moving picture shows all seemed to indicate that a revolution in prison methods was in full swing. * * * I discovered, however, that in nearly half of the states of the Union today the basic industrial conditions in the prison world are virtually the same as they were fifty and one hundred years ago. * * *

Everywhere from Maine to Texas we still sell prisoners to outside interests for the profit they may make out of the prison. That is, men without rights are put completely into the power of men without feelings. More than three-quarters of the punishment reports were for the "offense charged, 'not doing task.'" These tasks were beyond all reason.

These facts go to prove that the prisoner does not reform because he cannot reform under such a system

and the man who grows no better must steadily grow worse. Brutality only begets brutality.

When the laws dealing with criminals are based upon a spirit of Fatherhood which shall evolve a system of protection, enlightenment and development for its ignorant or vicious children, a great depletion in crime will be noted and the purifying process will be felt through all strata of society. For the leavening of the Spirit of Charity will uplift all humanity.

Scientific Character-Building.

H. C. HODGES.

What indeed can stand in the path of a soul who wrings sweetness and beauty from events and circumstances that men call evil? If one will but pause to study well the numerous manifestations that seem to him crosses, he will realize that this is the true scientific creation of the building of character, and which is followed by the awakened individuality.

It is along these lines of expression that the true disciple of the higher life builds his character and destiny, for he has realized clearly that the development of faculty is the anticipation of destiny, and the strength he gains today will eradicate the sorrows of the morrow and the hope and joy that he attains will give him strength of purpose to defeat the darkened fate that seeks to find and hold him at every turn.

Thus the principal condition is to open the soul to receive, though it will be found that this revelation and training of self is but the prelude to sacrifice of an ever-deepening nature, and every lesson learned, each victory won, every step that is taken will impose its own obligation upon the individual. Its ever-growing compassion binds the ripening intelligence to the service of its fellow-men, so that in reality by just the greater spiritual heights his expand-

ing soul soars above his fellowman, in the same measure will he be chained to willing sacrifice, for the law of the highest life is the law of love, and as its devotees attain, they pour out to all humanity from their inner sources of being the glorious life that flows through themselves.

Thus from the mire of the earth to the glory of the divine and from the selfishness that holds to the selfishness that outpours of its very essence, the soul climbs the great path, which though beginning in darkness finds its goal in the light of wisdom.

Springfield, Mass.—The American School Peace League has received the indorsement of the National Educational Association and has attracted attention in Europe, such a league having been formed in England. James H. Van Sickle of Springfield, Mass., is the president of the American League and Mrs. Fannie Fern Andrews of Boston, secretary.

The Power of Acquiescence.

Inherent in every one is the power of acquiescence. By this we do not mean the power to agree with everybody, nor to acquiesce in matters from which one may extricate oneself. We do mean, however, that there is a subtle force in yielding to the inevitable, that there is a wisdom in its use which should be more fully recognized.

For a simple experiment. When the wind blows the dust, slams the doors and tosses your clothing about, do not feel irritated, but say, "Jolly wind dash along, I am willing." When the rain comes deluging the pavements, do not feel antagonized, but think, "This is God's rain, sent for a good purpose." A sense of that wide purpose, as wide as the sea, will replace the annoyance of the drenching. The fragrance of the rain will

greet you and a feeling of pleasure follow.

When annoyances arise, think and feel. "These matters cannot disturb me" and like magic their power will be replaced by a sense of peace. This is due to a withdrawal of the spirit of opposition and bringing into use the subtle power of acquiescence. A teacher of old called this antagonism toward the inevitables, "kicking against the pricks."

Meet self-discordant conditions with diverted attention, turning the mind at once toward some pleasant memory or happy anticipation. Asquiesce is the condition caused by a peaceful aura and nothing can harm you. Try these simple suggestions and reap a fruitage of peaceful moments, where once the thorns of irritation and fretfulness were abundant.

Holy Spirit, mysterious, all-pervading and mighty, guide my being into pathways for the best good of all.

Who realizes and utters with soul aspiration this desire, cannot err; the life will be guided by divine laws to do the right thing at the right time.

Success and Faith.

The achievements of success always contain the element of faith. The efficacy of this subtle force is not realized.

The faith of Franklin, Tesla, Edison, Marconi, Columbus, more than their genius, more than their purpose, was the force that brought them success. We have been so busy with what man has accomplished that how he has been able to achieve such marvels has remained a mystery. These familiar words have been ringing through the centuries. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove hence to yonder place and it

shall remove, and nothing shall be impossible unto you." Math. 17:20.

Man has never comprehended the words. He has supposed that they must have some spiritual significance but no practical solution has been made. Now, however, their true meaning is stirring the sleeping consciousness as the first faint call of spring time moves the dormant vegetable life of the earth.

Humanity is slowly awakening to the power of invisible force, to realize that not the man, but the forces stored within him accomplish things.

Benefit of Storms.

When the lightning flashes, the thunder crashes and the wind lashes the earth, stand in calm peace and admiration of such majesty of power. Realize that it is from supreme wisdom to accomplish good that the storm sweeps on its errand.

Mother Nature is shaking her diaphanous draperies to cleanse them from all impurities. She is beating dust particles from her great conservatories, orchards and vineyards, from the petals of each flower and the leaves of each tree.

Her flashing lights are sent piercing the clouds of dark vapors, crashing with resounding vibrations through accumulations of gaseous impurities which must be dispelled.

She deluges with pure water the mountains, hills, valleys and plains. Stirs into activity the lazy little brooks, gives the rivers a rushing business to perform which shall cleanse their waters, she remonstrates with all sluggish pools and fills them with fresh supplies.

How beneficent are Mother Nature's great house cleanings. How fragrant is the purified atmosphere, how clear the blue and fresh the green and how beautiful the earth after a storm!

Though tempests rage, they are but expressions of beneficent law.

Though physical life be crushed, though hearts are wrung with anguish, all is well.

As the sunlight glorifies each upturned pebble in the pathway of the storm so does the sunlight of Eternal Goodness glorify each life sometime, somewhere, when and where the storm shall have ceased to rage.

This question then is ours, Are we doing our part in the growth of the race? In the current of life are we moving forward? Do our years mark milestones in humanity's struggle towards perfection? Is the God within us so much more unrolled, when our development has reached its highest point? Can we transmit to our children a better heritage of brain and soul than our fathers left to us? Has the race through us gained some little in the direction of the law of love? If we have done our part in this struggle our lives have not been in vain.—
David Starr Jordan.

Special attention is called to a series of articles now appearing in this journal by Stuart Armour, of California, under the title "Are Text Books Reliable?"

Mr. Armour's style is non-technical; he says what he does in the clearest, simplest of language, and his comparisons should prove to be intensely interesting and profitable to the general reader as well as to students of Astrology.

A Real Lady.

"I tell you, Maggie," said Willie Brown, "teacher's a perfect lady, all right."

"How do you know she is?" demanded Maggie. "You ain't known her but a few days."

"It's easy tellin'," rejoined Willie. "I know she's a perfect lady, because she makes me feel polite all the time."

Due to many unavoidable delays while in the hands of the printers, the March Stellar Ray has reached its readers much later than usual. Also due to various printing press troubles, the March magazine was not up to par in clearness of type, etc. However, we trust those troubles have been surmounted and that the few changes made in the magazine will prove to be agreeable ones and delays a thing of the past.

Relative to the good and bad days of each month as given in the monthly forecast, it has been deemed wise to omit them, because they applied only in a general way to the country at large, and what were designated as "bad days" might prove to be beneficial in an individual chart—and vice versa—depending upon the aspects in each chart.

This was thought likely to be confusing to the general reader not conversant with the science of astrology.
—Editor.

J. C. F. Grumbine in Washington, D. C.

J. C. F. Grumbine will lecture in Washington, D. C., during the month of April. Circulars of Sunday and class work will be ready at place of meeting; see city papers for announcements. His work in Cleveland was satisfactory in every respect. He goes to Los Angeles in June to appear at Long Beach camp meeting.

"I've just been reading about the power of the will. It's a wonderful thing." "Yes; a millionaire friend of mine left a will that makes six children and seventeen grandchildren be good."

Game.

"He's a game loser, isn't he?" "I should say he is. He doesn't seem to care what his wife and children have to go without."

Stellar Science Department

Horoscope blanks and price lists will be forwarded upon request. Address Stellar Ray, Stellar Science Department, Detroit, Mich.

The Shooting-Star.

Charles Nevers Holmes.

Across the darkened dome of night
Where planet-moons and sun-kings
reign,

A shooting-star darts swift and bright
And quickly fades from sight again;
It fades from sight and leaves behind
No more a trace than passing wind.

But, now and then, some shooting-star
Remains much longer in the sky,
Is seen resplendent near and far,

Yet just the same its light must die;
Its splendor shines a little more
Till like a breath its life is o'er.

Thus, ev'ry man, both great and small,
Whate'er his wealth or mind or
fame,

Must share the common lot of all
-And leave behind a fading name;
However grand his life may be
It dies in dust and memory.

Were You Born in the Sign Aries?

By H. C. Hodges.

If you were born between the 21st of March and the 19th of April, the sun was in the Zodiacal sign Aries.

Aries people are sensitive, proud, self-willed, but are usually well poised in demeanor and affable to friends and strangers. They make true friends, are generous and tolerant of faults in others.

When an Aries individual says that he will do any one thing, it is apt to be accomplished, no matter at what odds, or under what difficulties. In this respect there is inclination to

undertake at tremendous odds to accomplish what their better judgment tells them to be unwise.

Aries people are also students and philosophers even though they may be deprived of the advantage of education.

The sun in Aries contributes to health, vitality and length of life; gives strength of will, energy, activity, self-confidence, inclined to rashness.

Some kind of responsibility falls upon the natives of this sign, for they are capable of directing others, whether they move in humble spheres or more public ones, according to the position of the individual natal charts.

These people are fond of travel, are very enthusiastic, sometimes militant and should overcome a tendency to being intolerant of opposition.

Those who recognize any of the above characteristics in themselves, or friends, born in the sign Aries, may also note the influence of the moon in modifying or intensifying, or even counteracting them according to the position of the moon in the natal chart of one who was born with the sun in Aries. The moon's movements are so much more rapid than that of the sun, that it changes its position many times while the sun is still in the sign Aries.

For example, if the moon were also in Aries at time of birth, there would be intense mental activity, increased self reliance, in fact an abundance of self conceit.

The moon in Taurus would give better judgment, more determination, fixed in opinions even to the point of stubbornness.

If the moon was in Gemini, the nature would be more expansive and

stronger in mental expression.

The moon in Cancer would indicate a very finely sensitive nature, retentive in memory and although intuitional, seldom relying upon its intuitions.

The moon in Leo would give larger sympathies, philanthropic, but often too proud for their own good.

With the moon in Virgo the critical faculties would be more noticeable, giving a logical, scientific mind, inclined to use too much discrimination; and so on through all of the signs will be observed the marvelous variety of color and tone expressed in each individuality according to the position of the moon and other planets in the natal charts.

Aries: "The Lamb of God."

By Dr. George W. Carey.

March 21 to April 19.

Astrologers have for many years waited for the coming discovery of a planet to rule the head or brain of man, symbolized in the "Grand Man" of the heavens by the celestial sign of the zodiac, regnant from March 21st until April 19th. This sign is known as Aries—the Ram or Lamb.

Prof. L. E. Johndro, of Rochester, N. Y., has for several years declared that a ruling planet for Aries would be discovered. Prof. Johndro has delved more deeply into the chemistry of astrology than any astrologer of the present day.

A noted astronomer has recently announced the discovery of a new planet; and at a most peculiar juncture in the religious and scientific world. Angles of planets cause effects or influences; the Priesthood of the middle ages, wishing to control the ignorant masses, personified the influence of planetary aspects, positions and angles, and transposed the letters so they spelled *Angel*; upon this one "slipped cog" the stupendous frauds of Ecclesiasticism were built.

With the false teachings of the

Church ingrained into the fibre of the brain of man is it strange that for years before the advent of a new planet with its added *angle* (influence) that the brain cells of Earth's inhabitants should be disturbed, as the effects of the coming storms disturb the fluids and mechanism of the weather forecaster's laboratory?

The coming of Christ and end of the world has been preached from every street corner for several years, and thousands, yea, millions, are pledging themselves to try to live as Christ lived or according to their concept of His life.

No great movement of the people ever occurs without a scientific cause.

In ancient lore Aries was known as the "Lamb of Gad, or God, which represents the head or brain. The brain controls and directs the body and mind of man. The brain itself, however, is a receiver operated upon by celestial influences or *angels* (angels) and must operate according to the directing force or intelligence of its sources of power.

Man has been deficient in understanding because his brain receiver did not vibrate to certain subtle influences; the dynamic cells in gray matter of nerves were not finely attuned and did not respond—hence sin, or falling short of understanding.

The looked for Christ has "appeared in the heavens" the "Lamb of God" (the ruler of Aries) that will give *Judgement* and understanding to the race and thus bear away their sins of ignorance.

Contemporaneous with the startling events in the heavens and the religious systems of Earth comes the great healing movement, with Biochemistry as the central figure.

From the teachings of the Chemistry of Life we find that the basis of brain or nerve fluid is a certain mineral salt known as potassium phosphate, or Kali Phos.

A deficiency in this brain constituent means "sin" or a falling short

of judgment or proper comprehension. With the advent of the Aries Lord, God, or planet, cell-salts, are rapidly coming to the fore as the basis of all healing. Kali phosphate is the greatest healing agent known to man, because it is the chemical base of material expression and understanding.

The cell-salts of the human organism are now being prepared for use while poisonous drugs are being discarded everywhere. Kali phosphate is the especial birth salt for those born between March 21 and April 19.

These people are brain workers, earnest, executive and determined—thus do they rapidly use up the brain vitalizers.

The Aries gems are amethyst and diamond.

The astral colors are white and rose pink.

In Bible alchemy Aries represents Gad, the seventh son of Jacob, and means "armed and prepared"—thus it is said when in trouble or danger "keep your head."

In the symbolism of the New Testament, Aries corresponds with the disciple Thomas. Aries people are natural doubters until they figure a thing out for themselves; as Thomas must needs examine the body of Jesus before he would believe in materialization.

"Astrologers Must and Are Expected to Be Infallible"

H. C. HODGES.

Of all necessary features in the physical world, judgment takes first rank, so far as the astrologer is concerned most especially. Without judgment all the mathematical calculations the mind is capable of are useless, and while it is required in every other department of life, more or less, yet it is the one essential that the astrologer needs. No one who has given the science careful consideration can fail to recognize that a great amount of discernment and discrimination is necessary to fit one to take up the study of this science and to get a fair idea of the requirements.

It will be well to examine the necessary qualifications. First, he or she must know the value of each Zodiacal Sign, its quality and virtue as a whole, to say nothing of its thirty separate parts, decanates, faces, degrees, etc.

Secondly, he must be familiar with

many and various characteristics of the twelve houses or divisions of the circle, and also have a knowledge of how to blend these apart from the signs of the Zodiac, and in addition to knowing the significance of the first sign upon the fifth house, he must also know what is meant by its ruler being placed somewhere else.

Third, he must know the nature of the planets, what houses they rule and what they indicate by position, such as rising, culminating and when on the meridian. Also he must know what is indicated when the planets are in houses and signs foreign to their own nature; when they are weak or strong, exalted, debilitated, angular, cadent, combust, fixed, succedent, common or cardinal, to say nothing of many other similar terms.

Fourth, he must know the nature of all the aspects when they have been computed, and be able to interpret the meaning of a square to one

planet and at the same time, trine to another; he must know the virtue of all the planets in fiery, airy, earthy and watery signs, quite apart from the rulership of houses, etc., and when he has mastered all these rudiments of the science he must have the qualities of judgment as to the environment, heredity and general plan of the nativity.

In no other profession is such profound knowledge required as that which an astrologer should possess. In no other department of life is the practitioner expected to be infallible. A physician is allowed to make mistakes even to the extent of losing lives. Lawyers and judges may commit errors of judgment so far as depriving citizens of their liberty, but astrologers must and are expected to

be infallible. The censure of public opinion is the price they must pay who would elevate and help mankind.

Too much attention is given to triviality; even should one go so far as to predict an event it is termed a remarkable coincidence. This only goes to demonstrate to the world where they stand and those who are striving to benefit the race. It is a deplorable condition, for astrologers rank as fools on the one hand and knaves on the other.

Before predictions can be clearly made nearly a life time must be spent in mastering all its ins and outs, for the reason that each individual must reach the goal through a personal effort, in order to finally attain those conditions that will permit of beneficial results to humanity.

Are Text Books Reliable?

STUART ARMOUR

On July 6th, 1832, at 4 a. m. there was born at Vienna one of the royal blood who had in most respects a brilliant horoscope according to text book rules. The sign Cancer was on the ascendant with Venus, Sun and Mercury in conjunction therein and Jupiter close to cusp of M. C. in Pisces and the natal Sun and Venus were in good aspect with Saturn.

On April 9th, 1835, at 10:15 p. m. another scion of royalty was born at Brussels. It was stated by a celebrated astrologer of the times shortly after the birth of this child: "The nativity is altogether most decidedly evil and unfortunate. The Sun is in close opposition to Saturn, square of Mars and sesquiquadrate of Moon, with no aspect of Jupiter; the Moon is highly afflicted by semiquartile of both Saturn and Mars, and no benefic aspect of Jupiter or Venus, while Uranus afflicts her by opposition."

Both children grew to manhood, one at 35 years of age was backed up against a wall and riddled with bullets by a citizen soldiery who would have none of him as king, the other lived to 74 years of age and after amassing a fortune died in his bed.

Now then, students of astrology, which one was it that died full of years and wealth and which died the ignominious death? If you are well read in your text books you will say, "Why, the second man mentioned, of course." Not so, gentle student, not so, for the first was Maximilian of Mexico, that ill fated Emperor, while the other was Leopold II, King of Belgium. Leopold had such a bad nativity that Zadkiel I (Morrison) whom I partially quoted above, further wrote in his almanac for 1836 the following:

"This child will never live to reign in Belgium; his course will be ex-

tremely brief. It is true, that if great care were taken at the periods of evil directions by means of medical aid, etc., he might overcome the attacks he will undergo; but this will not be the case; for, as astrology is not believed in, he will suffer all the force of his evil stars, and fall."

This is not written with any intention of criticising Zadkiel for he was an able astrologer according to his lights and was only following the ordinary text book rules in calling this nativity decidedly evil and unfortunate but instances of this kind, and there are many of them, give us a strong hint that a large percentage of the ironclad rules of astrology are false and misleading and the whole subject is sadly in need of revision. As every nativity has some bad points let us refer to Maximilian's again and we find he had Sun square Mars, but as Leopold also had this aspect it does not help us much in making a distinction. As Maximilian had it so much more in his favor with the solar aspects let us see how these two compare with the lunar ones. The first quotation gives the bad aspects of the Moon in Leopold's so it is not necessary to repeat them and Maximilian we find had Moon in parallel with Saturn and opposition to Mars, but neither aspect is close, the Moon being nearly five degrees past the opposition of Mars which is supposed to weaken the effect very much. The declination of the Moon was $8^{\circ} 34'$ S. while that of Saturn was $9^{\circ} 15'$ N. Certainly these lunar aspects would not justify an astrologer in calling this a bad nativity in light of the other strong points, and any astrologer comparing these charts in the infancy of these two kings would most certainly say Maximilian had all the best of it. However, there is one point that must not be overlooked and that is that Maximilian had Saturn close to cusp of 4th house (opposition to M. C.). In this regard Dr. Garnett wrote: "I am quite satisfied that the worst

sign that can be found in a nativity is the opposition of Saturn or Uranus to the M. C., at least, before they have passed the cusp of the 4th house, unless they are very well aspected. From a number of examples I am convinced that this is worse than their position in the 10th. The cause is the opposition to the M. C., and by no means any occult quality imputed to the 4th house. I am nearly sure that a similar position of Jupiter or Venus is very fortunate, but perhaps we have not sufficient evidence as yet. If the horoscope of President Lincoln was certainly authentic, this would be proved, for there is no other sign of eminence than the opposition of Jupiter to the M. C." It is hardly fair though using this argument against myself for Dr. Garnett's opinion has never been formally incorporated in text book rules and then we must remember Saturn is very favorably aspected by both Sun and Venus in Maximilian's. Leopold had Mercury in 4th opposition to M. C. and this position had doubtless something to do with the scandal he was concerned in for years—the Congo atrocities—but it was in good aspect to Mars and gave him mental acuteness to ward off any bad results from such scandal to his own financial detriment. It is here that Maximilian differs from Leopold inasmuch as he had Mercury in square to Mars affecting his judgment in critical episodes for Maximilian was strongly advised by those competent to know against going to Mexico and after he had embarked on that disastrous enterprise and the fortune of war had gone against him, had plenty of time to escape from Mexico and was strongly advised by his friends to flee, but he could not be made to see that his staying on was suicidal and only made the situation worse. One cannot help feeling that Leopold in the same predicament would have used better judgment and escaped.

This brings me to a point I have

never seen remarked on and that is, no matter how good the prospects of a nativity are, they will be blasted if the native has a badly afflicted Mercury, for one with such can nearly always be relied on to take the wrong course in a ticklish situation. To put this in a different way, it is better to have a well aspected Mercury with a mediocre nativity than a brilliant chart with a badly aspected Mercury for "as a man thinketh so he is." I am not advancing this as something I am absolutely certain of but only tentatively for the purpose of examination by students, though in as many cases as I have been able to examine I have yet to find an exception to it. Chaney, with Mercury square Saturn, though he did not have a very good nativity in other respects, was in controversial hot water all his life and one cannot but think in reading the incidents of his life that much of it could have been avoided by his using better judgment. I know several men with similar aspects of Mercury and Saturn with much better nativities than Chaney or the average mortal and still they seem to go out of their way to get into trouble and are experts in making enemies without adequate cause and consequently adversely affect their own destinies. It is natural that such should be, for modern life is largely lived on the mental plane and if the mental planets are badly aspected one is out of harmony with life in general.

I have taken the lives of these two men because their birth hours are matter of public record and their histories can be read in any encyclopedia. With the editor's permission I propose to follow this article with others showing that many rules of astrology do not hold water when comparisons are made with the facts of life.

For the benefit of students who may lack ephemerides for the years of the births of Maximilian and Leopold I herein give the house cusps

and planetary places. Maximilian's is taken from a chart given in "Natal Astrology" while Leopold's is figured out from the data given by Zadkiel in his almanac for 1836.

Maximilian.

M. C. 13° Pisces; 11th house 19° Aries; 12th house 4° Gemini; Asct. 13° 16' Cancer; 2nd house 1° Leo; 3rd house 21° Leo; Neptune 26° 7' Capricorn; Uranus 17° 47' Aquarius; Saturn 10° 53' Virgo; Jupiter 28° 25' Pisces; Mars 22° 55' Aries; Sun 14° 2' Cancer; Venus 8° 5' Cancer; Mercury 17° 18' Cancer; Moon 27° 41' Libra.

Leopold.

M. C. 20° Virgo; 11th house 19° Libra; 12th house 11° Scorpio; Asct. 27° 24' Scorpio; 2nd house 0° Capricorn; 3rd house 11° Aquarius; Neptune 3° 31' Aquarius; Uranus 29° 24' Aquarius; Saturn 19° 51' Libra; Jupiter 9° 26' Gemini; Mars 18° 21' Cancer; Sun 19° 20' Aries; Venus 6° 10' Pisces; Mercury 21° 47' Pisces; Moon 3° Virgo.

I strongly advise students to set up these horoscopes and carefully study them for themselves.

As to Lawyers.

Speaker Champ Clark tells of a Missouri lawyer named Strange who became ill and feared he was about to die.

Calling his wife to him. Lawyer Strange said:

"Now, my dear, when I die, I would like you to put a little headstone at my grave and on it simply say, 'Here lies an honest lawyer.'"

The wife expressed surprise that her husband did not wish his name on the stone.

"That will not be necessary," he said. "Everyone who passes and sees the inscription will at once say, 'That's strange.'"—McCall's Magazine.

The intellectual life may be kept clean and healthful, if a man will live the life of nature, and not import into his mind difficulties which are none of his. No man need be perplexed in his speculations. Let him do and say what strictly belongs to him, and, though very ignorant of books, his nature shall not yield him any intellectual obstructions and doubts. Our young people are diseased with the theological problems of original sin, origin of evil, pre-destination, and the like. These never presented a practical difficulty to any man—never darkened across any man's road, who did not go out of his way to seek them. These are the soul's mumps, and measles, and whooping coughs, and those who have not caught them cannot describe their health or prescribe the cure. A simple mind will not know these enemies.—*Emerson.*

The Outlook for April, 1912.

By Frederick White, Sec. Natl. Astrological Assn. and Editor of The Adept, Crystal Bay, Minn.

The Month of April comes in under the full of the moon which occurs on the first of April at 4:04 p. m., central standard time. The new moon occurs on the 17th of April at 5:40 a. m., central standard time; one hour earlier for eastern time.

At the time of the full of the moon on the 1st, the Sun is in trine aspect to Jupiter with Jupiter in the m'd heaven. This is a very favorable aspect and indicates a very favorable period for business in general; a more active period than we have been having in the past few months, and should be especially good for the working classes generally.

Those who are in public office or in power also have very favorable indications and it should be more favorable than usual for the President with more popularity, favorable criti-

cisms, etc., the press inclined to favor him.

The cereal and stock markets should have good strength off and on, and a safe purchase on the declines if there are any of importance. The first half of the month is the most favorable for all those who wish to start new affairs or make important changes. The last half or after the 17th is not quite as favorable, the New Moon comes in under a square aspect of Sun and Uranus, it being quite uncertain, all strong aspects of Uranus cause a certain restless condition, people generally inclined to be undecided, business quite changeable, and uncertain, and weather conditions also more or less unsettled.

The stock and cereal markets unsettled and changeable, subject to quick reverses and some quite bad breaks. Those who speculate will do well to take advantage of sudden raises and near the middle of the month, can take the short side after any of the quick advances. The last half of April is not near as favorable for starting important moves or changes.

The full moon of April 1st, being the first full after the sun has crossed the line is especially favorable considering the season. It indicates that the summer months of 1912 will be more favorable for general business affairs than the average presidential year is.

"Many Men of Many Minds."

"Many men of many minds,"

And God the Father knows them all;
Duties have they of all kinds;

He knows each, be it great or small.

Souls to fill each little niche

In vast creation's glorious plan;
Each with his own store is rich;

A place there is for every man.

—*By Mary Isabel Wymore.*

Miscellaneous

Investigation.

Elbert Hubbard.

Pay close attention to Investigation.

Man is an investigating animal. Living naturally he will inquire—he wants to know. He is an eternal citizen of Missouri, by divine right, and his shibboleth is, "Show Me!"

The willingness and the ability to investigate are distinguishing features of the strong and able person. Slaves do not investigate, they crouch and crawl. Through investigating does the man become stronger and more able.

Strength is the reward of exercise. The prayer of Saint Cassiodorus was, "O God, give unto Thy servant the hospitable mind and the receptive heart."

To investigate subjects that are hidden and unknown to us, and by persistent mental effort make them clear, is the greatest joy known to human kind.

But there is no end to investigation.

After every height we scale, we see heights beyond.

Alexander died sighing for more worlds to conquer; but no such difficulty confronts us; we see a Milky Way of worlds to conquer.

And as sane and sensible men we realize that the best of life lies in the struggle, and not in the achievement.

To investigate is to grow.

Socrates said, "If the Almighty should come to me with complete success in His right hand, and an eternal struggle for success in His left, I would take the left."

To struggle is to evolve; to investigate is to become. Before we study

a theme or thing or subject, we should investigate and approve of it by our highest intellect.

The willingness to investigate precludes prejudice. It obliterates hate. It routs fear. To investigate means to appreciate good wherever you may find it. Investigation lights up the dark abyss where ignorance gropes and stumbles, and reveals to us beauties before unguessed.

To be willing to investigate all creeds, all platforms, all sciences, all plans for human betterment, is to be lifted out of the slough of despond and made universal.

The opposite of universality is provincialism. Man is a citizen of the universe, not an alien or an interloper dwelling in a province. To be provincial is to be limited, but man by nature is divine and should set no bounds to his being.

Investigation strengthens Self-Reliance, augments Concentration, inspires Industry, and makes it easy to be loyal to his highest and best.

When the Preacher Closed the Bible.

By Sidney Albert.

Ah, well 'tis I remember in my childhood's early day

I rejoiced to see the preacher, in his lazy sorter way,

When, turning to the people with a sanctimonious look,

He would lay one hand so fondly on the good old holy book;

And after he had finished with a closing word so true,

He would slowly—ah, so slowly—he would slowly close it too.

In many a pleasant retrospection, in
these far-off latter years.

I've reviewed my childhood's pleasures
and its mishaps and its
tears,

But of all the pleasant hours and the
moments fraught with joy

That filled my days with happiness
when but a barefoot boy

The most supremely pleasant one, I
truthfully must say,

Was when the preacher closed the
Bible in that lazy sorter way.

I would dream all through the sermon,
and before my sleepy eyes

Floated visions of fried chicken and
the ghosts of cherry pies;

For of all the many dinners I've been
called upon to eat

That good old Sunday dinner—well,
it's mighty hard to beat;

But I always paid attention when the
"Lastly" he would say,

And the preacher closed the Bible in
that lazy sorter way.

Declare the Joy.

M. Evalyn Davis.

Why fret and worry and scold?

There is naught to be gained by a
moan;

There's a wealth of joy that springs
from your smile,

And brings back to you, your own.

'Tis only the coward, that fears the
world's thought,

And wonders, "What will folks say";
Be fearless and noble; be strong and
true.

The God-like man leads the way.

There's more of life in a word of love,
Than there is in a song of woe;

Fling to the winds the grumble and
groan,

That gives victory to the foe.

Stand up like a GOD and declare the
joy,

That rules in the Father's plan.
The good of the Universe flows to
him,

Who proves himself a MAN.

A Sunset Scene.

By Dr. Geo. W. Carey.

It was Sunday evening, April 1,
1894, at Spokane, Wash. The day
had been cloudy; with some rain.
About one hour before sunset a long
silver streak parted the clouds above
the western horizon. It looked like
a river. Exactly like a river. We
were looking out of the window and
a little girl asked, "Is that the Col-
umbia river?" We answered, "It
looks like it." The Columbia was
one hundred miles away. Then pieces
of broken clouds passed across the
upper river, spirit of the Columbia
below, and appeared like beautiful
islands. We did not talk much. A
spell seemed cast over us, sitting at
that window—we expected something.

But the little girl asked questions.
"See the big, pretty lake." "Why, it

is a lake, isn't it?" "Where did the
river go?" We could not answer. We
really did not know where the river
went. Strange we did not know. We
kept on looking right at it and yet it
vanished and a beautiful lake ap-
peared, and the little girl wanted us
to tell her "Where the river went,"
and we could not. It seems that no
one can ever answer a child's ques-
tion. How strange it must seem to
the children that big folks don't know
anything.

Yes, there was a lake—a wonderful
lake, held and cradled by crags and
mountain peaks. Was it Chelan, or
a mirage of Tahoe or Mono? One
moment we would think the moun-
tains piled on mountains, tinted first
with white, silvery light; a moment
later with orange and old gold; then,
before the enraptured soul could ex-
press itself in speech, with a dazzling

brightness, as if light from the central eternal throne was beating upon them—where the Cascade Mountains that rear their mighty forms beyond the Columbia and about Chelan. Then they took on the forms and outlines of the Sierra Nevadas, and we thought that by some white magic a spirit photograph of Lake Tahoe and the contour of its mountain fastness was thrust before our eyes. But there, look! Surely the Alps are over there in the West!

"Don't you see the big city?" The little girl spoke; and there it was—Venice and the Bay of Naples. Some one said: "Why, we can sit right here and see the world." I slyly pinched myself to see if I was awake. Yes; there was a bay and ships and gondolas, and they were real, for they moved, and the little girl said: "Pictures of houses and ships and things don't move, do they?" And we answered, "No." And while we gazed, unable to express our wonder at the panorama of the world marching in such stately splendor before us, our eyes caught the gleaming change of another vision. In the twinkling of an eye Puget Sound unrolled its inexpressible beauty and hung suspended in midair. Yes, it must be the "Western Mediterranean."

There is Budd's Inlet on the left and Olympia partly hidden by the firs. And away on, as far as the eyes can see, is the sinuous winding of the Sound, with Tacoma here, Seattle there, and farther on Port Townsend on the Seaward cliffs, looking across the Gulf of Georgia. There are so

many tugs and ships and steamboats we think it surely is the Sound.

But the sun is now only a few minutes from setting and a patchwork of everything in the world appears like Chinese fireworks. Little inlets from Tahoe, glimpses of islands from the Amazon, shadows and reflections from Mono, a bit of mountain crag overhanging Chelan, a shimmer of wave from the Bay of Naples, rising spray from Niagara, plunging cataract of Shoshone, Bridal Veil from Yosemite, glaciers from Alaska, unfathomed crevices and canyons from Colorado, ocean beach, peaceful valleys, vine-clad hills, forests, storms, parks, sunshine, colors blending and changing and intermixing and wavering. Clouds meeting, separating, marching and countermarching; men, women, children, horses, chariots, boats, birds, animals, shapes, things—

"Then all the hills grew dark as wine,
And the great sun died,

And a rose-red bloom
Grew over his grave in a border of gold,
And a cloud with a silver rim was rolled

Like a great spray stone at the door
of the tomb."

The little girl asked, "Did God do that to show how heaven looks?" We answered, "Yes."

Then she asked: "Will He bring all those things here some time and let them stay all the time?" And again we said "Yes." But the little girl looked up and said: "What are you crying for?"

A Meditation.

Written for the Stellar Ray by
Winogene Smith Savage.

I hold in my hand a little bit of space as I calmly wait upon the Spirit for whatever message it shall bring to me. And lo! a mighty army of gallant knights, well armored and

with snowy steeds in perfect diminutive, appears upon my hand and fills that bit of space that I have held upon my palm. The foremost of them looked into my face with questioning attention, and the whole band waited for my bidding as their leader said, "Command me." "Strength of body

for my every task," was instantly my answer.

And behold, the knighted army slowly grew upon my palm, and left it till a powerful band on every side surrounded me, and I felt strengthened by a mighty force, uplifted till I clearly saw my labors one by one in orderly array, and I was ready, anxious for their doing. How beautiful the army, and how snowy white their steeds; the armor flashing back the sunshine and all faces glorious with the calm reserve of strength that knows no faltering or defeat.

But lo! another hand, symbolical it seemed, loomed up before my gaze, the knights appeared there also, and I heard a stern voice answer to the leader's simple words, "My enemies, defeat them." And the army grew up mighty but their faces, stern and muttering filled the ominous silence with the dreadful hush preceding storm; the steeds, coal black, pranced restlessly beneath the knights whose battle axes loomed in air to strike the

first offender. And the hand—sank listlessly a face appeared, at first affrighted, then the hush of death overspread the countenance, the eyelids drooped, then closed. And a voice that rang like falling waters, spoke upon the darkened scene, "O child of earth, thou wert thine own worst enemy, else thou wouldst otherwise command the mighty forces Nature gave to thee."

And then the knighted army, fading back to just the space one little palm could hold, became but space again, and all I saw was my own body strengthened as it never was before, and each task disappearing as I willed to finish it. And the army of knights errant? They were hid from view and yet I still believe I feel their presence and the steeds—they seem to bear me to the work that I would do, even when the meditation has been left for many days behind me. But the lesson was a rich one for I know the power of Life, and oh, how much the Father hides away from our dim sight.

Psychic Research

The Bishop of London's Spiritualism.

The Bishop of London, Dr. Winton Ingram, preached at All Saints' Church, East Finchley, recently, in connection with the patronal festival, and in the course of his sermon, as reported in "The Finchley Press" he again frankly and fully gave expression to his Spiritualistic views. He said that he believed that what would most surprise his hearers when they passed into the next world would be the nearness of it. People are apt to think that their dear ones, when they die, go far away; but that,

he thought, was founded on a great illusion.

During his work in the East End he once asked a poor girl who was afraid to die if she would mind if he carried her into the next room. She replied, "Of course not." "Well," he said, "you just think of someone ten times stronger and kinder than I am just going to carry you into the next room." When next he saw her, after her "passing," there was a smile upon her face. The Bishop then narrated the following incidents which he said he regarded as true:

Five girls were in the drawing room of their father's house. Their mother

was dead; their father was upstairs ill. The little girl who had been sent to bed came running down again saying there were two lovely angels walking up the staircase. She was told not to be foolish; but a second time she came back, this time saying that the angels were walking down the staircase with father between them. The other girls saw them, too, and when they went upstairs they found their father dead.

A year ago, when he was confirming in Westminster Abbey, a little girl who went to see her sister confirmed, remarked, "Don't you see the angels there, one on each side of the candidate?"

Anyone who realizes the fact that he is encompassed by a great cloud of pure spirits will hesitate before committing acts of meanness. It was a comforting thought to know that those who have gone before are not lost. In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, but they are at peace and close by." The thought of this

shed a glow of inspiration and meaning over a service like the one in which they were engaged.

They often heard the phrase, when engaged in carrying on God's work: "Oh, I am on the side of the angels"; but what if that phrase embodied a tremendous truth? Anybody, fighting for his religion, ought to feel encouraged to know that he was not left alone, that there were angels of God watching him, sent to help him. "And when we came to die, what a deathless hope it gave if we believed that as this world fades, there was opened up to us the glorious prospect close by!"

To get this conception of the nearness of heaven, the Bishop urged mediation, and advised his hearers to try to give these things a chance of settling in their minds, "by cultivating the idea of the nearness of the other world; of the just men made perfect," and by praying to Him to whom all prayer should be addressed. —*Harbinger of Light, Australia.*

After Death.

Gerald Massey, in *World's Advance Thought*.

As after death, our Lost Ones grow
our dearest,

So, after death, our Lost Ones come
the nearest.

They are not lost in distant worlds
above;

They are our nearest link in God's
own love—

The human hand-clasps of the Infinite
That life to life, spirit to spirit knit.

They fill the rift they made, like
veins of gold

In fire-rent fissures torture-torn of
old.

With sweetness store the empty place
they left,

As of wild honey in the rock's bare
cleft.

In hidden ways they aid this life of
ours.

As sunshine lends a finger to the
flowers,

Shadowed and shrouded in the wood's
dim heart,

To climb by while they push their
grave apart.

They think of us at sea, who are safe
on shore;

Light up the cloudy coast we struggle
for.

Dying Into More Life.

(A Message from One in Spirit Life.)

"The universe is full of help because it is full of Life—Love. Could you fly with the swiftness of light millions of millions of millions of leagues in any direction, and then multiplied billions of billions and quadrillions of quadrillions, you would be in the great helping, creating force of Life and Love, and all the

sweet ether is filled with ministering spirits.

"When the overpowering faintness steals upon you, and the outer man is expiring, kindred spirits are with you to welcome you to the Celestial Home.

"Ceasing to breathe this planetary atmosphere, you glide into and breathe a more ethereal atmosphere, suited to our finer spiritual bodies—an atmosphere of Love and Joy, inspiring you with a home feeling of confidence and rest.

"Even in your natural breathing power you make declaration every moment that life comes from beyond yourself and that you tend beyond yourself.

"As eagles can lift themselves beyond the storm cloud, so you may lift yourself beyond sorrow into the glory of the Eternal Spirit Sun."—*The World's Advance Thought*.

The Kilner Screen.

It is a recognized fact that there is some mysterious force in us which no ordinary person can see or feel. This has hitherto been the special privilege of the clairvoyants and mystics of a high order to see and decipher, the nature, state, growth, etc., of a man (spiritual). One Dr. Kilner has just discovered an apparatus by the aid of which any one can see the force radiating from our bodies. "You get a screen, or framework, of two pieces of glass, and place between them the red dye, carmine, or the blue dye, dicyanin. Through this you look for a few seconds at the light and then at the body of a person in a darkened room.

With the naked eye, of course, you would see the outline of the body and look for a few seconds at the light, nothing more, but through the screen you perceive a wonderful misty halo, or aura, surrounding the person from head to foot. Close round the body

is a dark band, about a quarter of an inch wide. Outside this is seen a grained and streaked band, two or three inches in width; and beyond this, a luminous haze of about three inches.

The shape of this emanation varies, according to sex and age; it differs with character, and changes with sickness. Moreover, it is colored, and the color seems to be determined by mental power and temperament.

"In boys and girls," says Dr. Kilner, "the aura is fairly equal all round the head, being two inches wider than the width of the shoulders. It narrows to four or five inches round the legs, and it generally shoots out a considerable distance from the tips of the fingers. But the mist round a girl is finer than that of a boy and that round a woman's body is much broader than round a man's."

There are other remarkable differences. In both children and adults of intelligence the halo is wider than in duller people. It is not equal on both sides of an epileptic subject; a hysterical girl shows a curious narrowing of the band in the middle of the body; and in a child with hip disease a gap of two inches was noted, as if a piece were sawn out over the site of the disease.

Many other extraordinary features of this mysterious emanation are related. For instance, it is colored, and Dr. Kilner plainly distinguished three kinds—blue, blue-and-grey, and grey alone—each being found in people of different mental power and temperament.—*From the Spiritual Journal*.

The Infinite is perception itself and universal principle, that which sees and that which is seen, and when we can see all and know all, there will be no evil, as evil comes of the limitation of perception. All things are Infinite (or God) according to the measure of spirit in them.—*Science and Key of Life*.

How the Trained Occultist Investigates Stellar Astronomy

By FREDERICK HELM SLOAN.

First Paper

To the advanced student of occultism who desires to take up the investigation of the science of "Occult Astronomy" there are methods open and at his disposal that the material scientists do not yet understand.

Besides the use of the telescope and all the instruments of the astronomical observatory, he has in addition the method of reasoning from analogy, as well as the other two forms of reasoning. For instance, if he studies a star by the methods of modern Astronomy, and has found out all he can about this star by these methods, he may then, in addition, apply the occult method of reasoning, called that of "reasoning from analogy."

If the star that is under observation gives off a green light, he knows from his previous knowledge of the Universal Law of Vibration, that all stars and planets that shine with a green radiance are now passing through the fourth stage of their evolutionary progress, which is the stage of individuality, and the point where the greatest depth of materiality has been reached. From there on the path of the planet will be upward towards spirituality. This is the stage reached by our own planet. Our earth's key note of vibration is the fourth in the seven fold scale and the fourth vibration always has the color green if viewed subjectively by the trained occultist who can do so. The animal and human kingdoms of our planet are now gaining their individuality, as are the mineral and vegetable kingdoms. Green is the predominant color of the vegetable kingdom because the life within has reached the fourth or individual stage, which vi-

brates its color, and reflects the green rays of physical sunlight.

Therefore all other green planets in our stellar system are in the same or (analogous stage of evolution) and for humanity this stage is the turning point of progress; involution has ceased and evolution has begun. The involution of spirit into matter has given place to the evolution of matter into spirit. Man meets the crucial test on the fourth or green planet of every system of worlds, where his individuality and immortality must be gained before passing on to the next planet (which vibrates blue; very similar to the "blue grass of Kentucky," is the appearance of flora of the next planet of our evolution). But it remains for humanity to unite the four lower principles with the three higher ones; to unite the objective mind and have it controlled by the higher self, or subjective mind, for the objective mind vibrates green as does the planet, and not until the higher and blue vibrating subjective side of ourselves has gained complete control of the material personality, will mankind be able to leave this earth, having finished the cycle of incarnation on our planet. Only the adepts of the race (who are even now passing on to the fifth planet of our seven fold chain), can do so, after having completed the "cycle of necessity." After the middle point in our planetary evolution has been reached, which has already occurred, the next planet becomes prepared for the pioneers, while during the entire second half the mass of humanity follow after, as each individual has gained the predominating blue vibration of his higher intellectual nature over

the combined red and green vibrations of the undeveloped humanity.

But, aside from this faculty of "reasoning from analogy" as just exemplified, as one of the powers open to the Occult Astronomer, there is in addition the added power afforded by the possession of wonderful psychic faculties by means of which the trained occultist may lay aside altogether the material body, and actually travel to the planet or star that he intends to investigate and gain first hand in-

formation by this occult method of observation, at close range, far beyond any that the material instruments of science, or the telescope, could give him.

Prayer.

A shadow falls athwart my way,
The air grows cold and chill;
O stars in heaven, be my stay,
And light me onward still!

—By Mary Isabel Wymore.

Words of Comfort

WALTER DE VOE.

(Extracts from Correspondence)

I extend to you the hand of sympathy and strength that your soul may be strong at this time to see that the Grim Reaper is an Angel in disguise who will quickly lead the soul of your Mother into the ways of peace and serenity. I am glad you have the knowledge of the great truth of immortality as it makes this experience so much lighter and gives you the faith to see your loved one as entering the higher grades of Life's school. *The power of divine peace now abides in you as a living reality.*

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I am so very busy night and day in my chosen work that I could not give the time to receiving a message from your daughter even were she able at this time to give a message. I feel that she is at quite a distance from the earth plane, resting and being restored to her normal spiritual vitality and strength so that she can continue the Lord's work in a higher realm. If you could realize as I do the nothingness of the transition we call death you would rejoice that your daughter has returned to her heavenly home. Your daughter cannot at the present time communicate with you thru a medium as her spirit is not

acclimated to the spiritual clime.

How much better is the condition of your daughter now than she was in the three years of her sickness. She is free from all physical and mental disturbances and rests in the peaceful atmosphere of the heavenly life soothed and harmonized by angelic presences. Try to realize as I do her present state of peace and you will not think of drawing her back to communicate. She needs a long rest. You need to have some positive soul deny from your mind those griefs and mental burdens which make you so miserable. They are false beliefs. They are the fictions of ignorance crowding in upon your consciousness and stifling your soul with their darkness. You will be greatly uplifted by the study of spiritual truth, and by the reading of any books which are written from the perception of the eternal life of the individual spirit. I can give you a list of such books if you wish. I pray that the light of Truth may grow so strong in your soul that all doubts, fears and sorrows may be overcome.

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Continue to bless your brother as you did while he was clothed with

flesh for his spirit is just as responsive to the spiritual word as it ever was. Be strong in your own faith and you will be a strength to him thru your sympathy with him. His spirit is in the universal Mind with all spirits and is responsive to the spiritual force generated by our spirits. The words of truth spoken to spirits from this side of existence have a very potent effect upon their spiritual natures. Thru the spoken word of truth we can free spirits quickly from the sense of disease which inheres in their spiritual bodies until cleansed away by the purifying power of spiritual thought.

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